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October 16, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT, THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-13
CALIFORNIA COVERDELL PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Execute the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance and authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to apply for, and accept, a grant award in the amount of \$116,207 from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 California Coverdell Program. This is an ongoing program in its eighth year of funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Request the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign and affix a wet signature to the Certification of Assurance of Compliance form required by CalEMA as part of the application process.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to sign and accept the grant award, subsequent to execution by CalEMA, for the FY 2012-13 California Coverdell Program in the amount of \$116,207 with no local match requirement.
3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute and submit the grant award and all other necessary grant documents, including applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and renewals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) laboratories under the Scientific

Services Bureau (SSB) have been identified to receive funding under this program. The funding shall be utilized to secure continued education and training programs for the Department's full-time forensic technical staff.

In complying with the objective of this funding opportunity, the allocation will be used to send members of the Department's forensic technical staff to educational and training seminars designed to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of Departmental investigations and evidence examinations. The funding will assist the forensic technical staff in preventing and reducing the backlog of forensic cases and improve the turnaround time for case analysis.

As an accredited laboratory of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors and Laboratory Accreditation Board, the Department's SSB strives to maintain compliance with all standards and criteria. The purpose of required training is to improve accuracy, increase productivity, and enable staff to assume greater responsibilities within their respective assignments. In an effort to maintain the standard of continuing education for all staff, it is necessary to provide a wide variety of specialized training opportunities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness, by continuing the highly technical and specialized training of the Department's forensic technical staff; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, by reducing the number of backlogged cases as analysts and examiners apply new knowledge and skills to improve their accuracy and productivity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The allocated grant funding in the amount of \$116,207 (Services and Supplies) will be fully offset by Federal grant funding with no local match. SSB will use \$110,940 to fund analysts' travel to and registration for conferences and training courses. Also, \$5,267 will be used to purchase laboratory and office supplies.

The term of the FY 2012-13 California Coverdell Program is for a period of 11 months from October 1, 2012, to August 31, 2013. Funding for this program has been included in the Department's FY 2012-13 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the requirements of CalEMA, the applicant must complete a Certificate of Assurance of Compliance form signed by the Governing Body that includes details regarding Federal Grant Funds requirement, Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying restrictions, Debarment and Suspension requirements, and Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances before finalization of the Grant Award Agreement.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This program will have a positive impact on the services currently provided by the Department and will give the Department an opportunity to successfully accomplish its mission, goals, and objectives.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter and two signed copies of the Certification of Assurance of Compliance to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
Sheriff

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Enclosures

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Grant

The applicant must complete a Certification of Assurance of Compliance-PC (Cal EMA 2-104e), which includes details regarding Federal Grant Funds, Equal Employment Opportunity Program (EEOP), Drug Free Workplace Compliance, California Environmental Quality Act, Lobbying, Debarment and Suspension requirements, Eligibility Requirement Certification, and Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board. The applicant is required to submit the necessary assurances and documentation before finalization of the Grant Award Agreement. In signing the Grant Award Face Sheet, the applicant formally notifies Cal EMA that the applicant will comply with all pertinent requirements.

Resolutions are no longer required as submission documents. Cal EMA has incorporated the resolution into the Certification of Assurance of Compliance, Section VI, entitled, "Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board." The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization (original signature) from the City Council/Governing board that the official executing the agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so, and will maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand. This requirement does not apply to state agencies.

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences

I, Leroy D. Baca hereby certify that
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as Section 14 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

RECIPIENT: Los Angeles County

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROJECT TITLE: 2012 California Coverdell Program

is responsible for reviewing the *Grant Recipient Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by Cal EMA including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Federal Grant Funds

Recipients expending \$500,000 or more in federal grant funds annually are required to secure an audit pursuant to OMB Circular A-133 and are allowed to utilize federal grant funds to budget for the audit costs. See Section 8000 of the Recipient Handbook for more detail.

- ☒ The above named recipient receives \$500,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.
- ☐ The above named recipient does not receive \$500,000 or more in federal grant funds annually.

II. Equal Employment Opportunity – (Recipient Handbook Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, denial of family medical care leave, denial of pregnancy disability leave, or age (over 40). **Cal EMA-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.**

Please provide the following information:

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer: David L. Whitham

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 4700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754

Phone: (323) 526-5612

Email: dlwhitha@lasd.org

III. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2152*)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug-free workplace.

IV. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (*Recipient Handbook, Section 2153*)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (*Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.*) requires all Cal EMA funded projects to certify compliance with CEQA. Projects receiving funding must coordinate with their city or county planning agency to ensure that the project is compliance with CEQA requirements.

V. Lobbying – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2154*)

Cal EMA grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

VI. Debarment and Suspension – (*Recipient Handbook Section 2155*)

(This applies to federally funded grants only.)

Cal EMA-funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VII. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of Cal EMA, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and Cal EMA disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from Cal EMA shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for Cal EMA or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the Recipient may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the Cal EMA determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the Recipient has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [Section 14 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

Authorized Official's Signature: _____

Authorized Official's Typed Name: _____

Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Title: _____

Sheriff

Date Executed: _____

Federal Employer ID #: 95-6000927

Federal DUNS # 028950678

Current Central Contractor Registration Expiration Date: 01/18/2013

Executed in the City/County of: Los Angeles

AUTHORIZED BY: (not applicable to State agencies)

- ☐ City Financial Officer
☐ City Manager
☒ Governing Board Chair

- ☐ County Financial Officer
☐ County Manager

Signature: _____

Typed Name: Zev Yaroslavsky

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form
Michelle Jackson
Senior Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

Department: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD)

Grant Project Title and Description: FY 2012 California Coverdell Program

The purpose of this program is to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science services over current operations. The grant funds will be used to secure continued education and training of LASD's Scientific Services Bureau's full-time forensic technical staff to improve accuracy, increase productivity, and enable staff to assume greater responsibilities. The training will assist in their effort to prevent and reduce the backlog of forensic cases and improve turnaround time for case analysis.

Funding Agency
California Emergency
Management Agency (CalEMA)

Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$116,207

County Match: None

Grant Period: 11 months **Begin Date:** October 1, 2012

End Date: August 31, 2013

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: N/A

Full Time: 0 **Part Time:** 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes ___ No X

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ___ No X

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ___ No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ___ No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes ___ No X

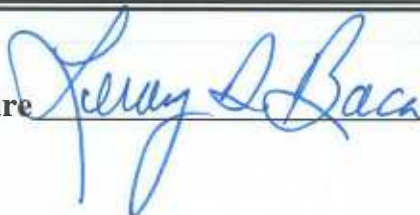
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c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes ___ No X

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature



Date

9/27/12